

Cites Concerns with Cost of bill, Public Option

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WASHINGTON- U.S. Congressman Charlie Melancon (LA-03) made the following statement tonight after he voted against the Affordable Health Care for America Act (H.R. 3962) in the U.S. House of Representatives:

"I'll work with anyone, or stand up to anyone, when it comes to what's best for Louisiana. And the healthcare bill I voted against today in the House doesn't work for Louisiana."

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In these tough economic times, we've got to be smarter about getting government spending and the deficit under control, and the House's health care bill simply costs too much."

"And I can't support a government-run insurance option that the people of Louisiana don't want."

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In the coming months, I will keep listening to folks in Louisiana and working with people from both sides of the aisle."

"And I'll keep working for smarter, more fiscally-responsible, market-based healthcare reforms that protect the sanctity of life."

"Together, we will find a way to make health care more affordable and accessible for all Louisianians, and bring down the rising cost of health care in this country."

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